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Listing of the Claims

1. (previously presented) A method of imprinting sand comprising:

providing a sand die comprising:

a plurality of detail blades having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches, said detail blades being separated from adjacent detail blades by a minimum distance of about .045 inch;

a side wall encircling said detail blades, said side wall having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches, said side wall being separated from adjacent detail blades by a minimum distance of about .045 inch;

a plate attached to said side wall and detail blades at approximately a perpendicular angle; and

a handle attached to said plate on the surface not attached to said detail blades;

placing the sand die over the sand;

pressing the sand die into the sand; and

removing the sand die from the sand; wherein an imprint is left in the sand.

2. (previously presented) A method of imprinting sand comprising:

providing a sand die having a side wall, said side wall having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches; said sand die further having a

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plate attached to said side wall at approximately a perpendicular angle;

placing the sand die over the sand;

pressing the sand die into the sand; and

removing the sand die from the sand or snow; wherein an imprint is left in the sand.

3. (previously presented) A method of imprinting sand comprising:

providing a sand die having a side wall, said side wall having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches;

placing the sand die over the sand;

pressing the sand die into the sand; and

removing the sand die from the sand; wherein an imprint is left in the sand.

4. (previously presented) A method of imprinting sand comprising:

providing a sand die having a plurality of detail blades depending from a plate, said detail blades having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches, said detail blades being separated from adjacent detail blades by a minimum distance of about .045 inch;

placing the sand die over the sand;

pressing the sand die into the sand; and

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removing the sand die from the sand; wherein an imprint is left in the sand.

5. (withdrawn) A method of selling stamping sand dies comprising:

providing a sand die suitable for stamping sand or snow, said sand die comprising a plurality of detail blades having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches, said detail blades being separated from adjacent detail blades by a minimum distance of about .045 inch; said sand die further comprising a side wall encircling said detail blades, said side wall having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches, said side wall being separated from adjacent detail blades by minimum distance of about .045 inch; said sand die further comprising a plate attached to said side wall and detail blades at approximately a perpendicular angle; said sand die further comprising a handle attached to said plate;

marking the sand dies, packaging, or associated display with an indication that the sand die is suitable for stamping sand or snow; and

displaying or placing the sand die so marked to prospective purchasers.

6. (withdrawn) A method of selling stamping dies comprising:

providing a sand die suitable for stamping sand or snow, said sand die comprising a side wall, said side wall having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches; said sand die further comprising a plate attached to said side wall at approximately a perpendicular angle;

providing sterilized sand packaged with the sand die;

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marking the sand dies, packaging, or associated display with an indication that the sand die is suitable for stamping sand or snow; and

displaying or placing the sand die so marked to prospective purchasers.

7. (previously presented) A method of imprinting snow comprising: providing a sand die comprising:

a plurality of detail blades having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches, said detail blades being separated from adjacent detail blades by a minimum distance of about .045 inch;

a side wall encircling said detail blades, said side wall having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches, said side wall being separated from adjacent detail blades by a minimum distance of about .045 inch;

a plate attached to said side wall and detail blades at approximately a perpendicular angle; and

a handle attached to said plate on the surface not attached to said detail blades;

placing the sand die over the snow;

pressing the sand die into the snow; and

removing the sand die from the snow; wherein an imprint is left in the snow.

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8. (previously presented) A method of imprinting snow comprising:

providing a sand die having a side wall, said side wall having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches; said sand die further having a plate attached to said side wall at approximately a perpendicular angle;

placing the sand die over the snow;

pressing the sand die into the snow; and

removing the sand die from the snow; wherein an imprint is left in the snow.

9. (previously presented) A method of imprinting snow comprising:

providing a sand die having a side wall, said side wall having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches;

placing the sand die over the snow;

pressing the sand die into the snow; and

removing the sand die from the snow; wherein an imprint is left in the snow.

10. (previously presented) A method of imprinting snow comprising:

providing a sand die having a plurality of detail blades depending from a plate, said detail blades having a thickness of about .125 inches and a minimum depth of about .03125 inches, said detail blades being separated from adjacent detail blades by a minimum distance of about .045 inch;

placing the sand die over the snow;

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pressing the sand die into the snow; and  
removing the sand die from the snow; wherein an imprint is  
left in the snow.